

“GROW UP!”

JOHN 15:1-8

Unlike spring, our growth in God should not occur just once every four seasons. Yet just as sure as plant life surges forward as spring approaches, our spiritual life ought to do so on a continual basis as we pursue after God.

PLAN OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

① P _____ (15:1a)

Apart from and without Him, we can do nothing (1:5), for He is the source of all life (Col. 1:17).

For the one who thinks he can go it _____ and do it _____, he will end up in eternity all _____.

② P _____ (15:1b-2)

Key phrase: “_____.”

Significant verb: “takes away” can be “_____”

Instead of cutting away or taking away, might it just be that our God lifts us up out of the mess?

③ P _____ (15:3)

The Word _____ us from the filth of this world and the muck we encounter along the journey.

If you’re not _____ the scriptures, the scriptures will not be _____ you.

④ P _____ (15:4-5)

Because of my position in the family, I need to practice my position in life.

Rooted in Christ, now you need to _____ in the Spirit and bring forth spiritual fruit.

⑤ P _____ (15:6)

There will be a day when a holy, just God no longer refrains from His judgment but carries out the consequences on those who do not believe.

For the _____, they’ll be no second chances or a “Reverse” button.

⑥ P _____ (15:7)

This is not a blanket promise. The _____ Word, Jesus Christ, and the _____ word, the Scripture, must be active in our lives.

⑦ P _____ (15:8)

The proof is in the pudding so by our good works they’ll know we are His people (Matthew 5:16).

CONCLUSION

He is the vine and we are the branches. What an incredible relationship we have with the God of the universe! How encouraging to know that we’ve not simply been inserted into the race but that we’ve also been privileged to grow in the journey and bring forth great fruit for our Lord.